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Man found dead

Victim's brother notices suspected strangulation marks; Kuvempunagar Police grill wife

Deceased Nithyananda

Mysuru, June 29 (BLU,MTY, KS& BCT)- A 50-year-old employee of a private company was found dead under mysterious circumstances at his residence in Kuvempunagar this morning, prompting the Police to launch an investigation.

The deceased has been identified as Nithyananda, who was residing near Vishwamanava Double Road in Kuvempunagar. The incident has sparked anxiety among residents.

According to the Police, Nithyananda's wife tried to wake him up at around 11.30 am, but he did not respond. She immediately shifted him to a nearby private hospital, where doctors declared him dead and alerted the jurisdictional Kuvempunagar Police.

Kuvempunagar Police conducting inspection at the house of Nithyananda, who was found dead under mysterious circumstances this morning.

Before taking him to the hospital, Nithyananda's wife reportedly informed his brother that he had suffered a massive heart attack. However, when the latter reached the house, he allegedly noticed marks resembling strangulation injuries around Nithyananda's neck and immediately informed the Police.

On receiving information, DCP (Law and Order) Dr. Harsha Priyamvada, Kuvempunagar Police Inspector Rohit and other officers rushed to the spot and conducted an inspection.

A fingerprint expert team and the dog squad also visited the house and collected evidence. Police carried out mahazar as part of the investigation.

(See DEAD on page 6)

Dust clouds on dry days; muddy, waterlogged stretch during rains

BEML-KIADB Road CRATER-RIDDEN

Mysuru, June 29 (BCT)- A severely damaged stretch of road connecting the Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) area to the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) Main Road in the Mysuru Industrial Area is causing hardship to motorists and disrupting the movement of industrial traffic.

Star of Mysore reader Vijay Kumar has said that years of neglect have left the road in a deplorable condition, with a large portion of the carriageway becoming unusable due to extensive damage.

He claimed that the narrow motorable portion of the road forces trucks, employee buses and two-wheelers to negotiate the stretch in a single file, resulting in frequent traffic bottlenecks, particularly during peak hours.

According to him, the condition of the road worsens with changing weather. During dry spells, heavy vehicles raise thick clouds of dust, while rains turn the damaged stretch into a slushy, waterlogged patch, making it difficult for motorists and posing a risk of damage to vehicles.

He also questioned the installation of traffic signals on the stretch despite the poor condition of the road. "It is ironic that modern traffic signals have been installed on a road that has become virtually unmotorable. Repairing the road should have been the priority," he remarked.

Deteriorated unfinished patch

Vijay Kumar further pointed out that an unfinished patch of the road has deteriorated over the years, with deep potholes and uneven surfaces making travel hazardous.

(See ROAD on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

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Mysuru, Monday 29th June 2026

BABU'S BANTER

By M.V. Nagendra Babu

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

TURNING PAIN INTO PURPOSE: ***When life presents intense hardship, it is natural to feel a sense of constriction. Whether one encounters the loss of a career, the dissolution of a long-standing union or an unexpected health challenge, such setbacks often precipitate uncertainty. In these intervals, the weight of circumstance can feel absolute, fostering a sense of isolation. Finding a bridge between the current reality and a more stable future becomes paramount.***

History proves that our most significant growth is forged in struggle. This is perfectly exemplified by the legendary Dashrath Manjhi, the 'Mountain Man of India', who became an enduring symbol of how one can patiently transmute intense pain into a dedicated mission. Following the tragic loss of his wife — due to an inability to reach medical care because a mountain stood between his village and the nearest town — Manjhi was confronted with immense grief. By any objective standard, his circumstances were insurmountable. However, instead of succumbing to resentment, he chose a path of disciplined resolve.

Armed only with a hammer and chisel, he undertook the monumental task of carving a path through the mountain himself. For 22 years, he laboured with unwavering resolve, transforming a daunting barrier into a thoroughfare. His resolve demonstrates that resilience is not merely the endurance of suffering but the proactive channelling of that pain into a legacy of service.

Moving beyond individual trauma, Manjhi focused on the needs of his neighbours, finding true strength by transmuting his pain into a contribution that benefits the greater good. His life stands as a testament that our most formidable setbacks can, in reality, be the impetus for transformative action.

This perspective offers a roadmap for those navigating uncertainty. Redirecting focus toward a modest act of service provides a broader vantage point. Such efforts are not an attempt to diminish the gravity of personal challenges but an assertion of agency. By assisting another, we often discover the fortitude required to navigate our own burdens.

By embracing our challenges with courage and dedication, we gradually transform our deepest wounds into powerful sources of inspiration. This ensures that the path we carve through our challenges eventually illuminates the way for others. — *Ananthapadmanabhan in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Oyster-infused soft-serve ice cream

Tokyo: The combination of milky soft-serve ice cream and fresh oysters doesn't really sound like a match made in heaven, but those who have tried Michino-eki Yamada's newest summer delight claim that it's definitely worth a try.

The Japanese roadside reset stop recently went viral, after being flooded by curious soft-serve fans looking to try the unique dessert.

The base of this peculiar treat is a rich, milky soft serve, topped with fresh oysters from Yamada Bay in Iwate Prefecture, and finally drizzled with a special soy sauce.

Not the most appetizing description, we know, but the combination of "seafood freshness + sweet milk + salty soy sauce" is sure to shock your taste buds, at least.

Shows wealth and gets burgled!

Bhopal: Rachna Gurjar, a popular influencer who rose to fame by showing off her cash and jewellery on social media platforms, was recently the victim of a burglary that left her without her jewels and other valuables.

According to Gurjar, the incident took place late at night when she and her family were asleep inside their home in Madhya Pradesh's Shivpuri district. Several unidentified men cut the fencing around the property and made their way inside the house, where they proceeded to lock the door to the room where the family was sleeping.

When they were finally free, Rachna and her husband found obvious signs of a burglary, including ravaged storage spaces, missing jewellery, cash and even a carton of energy drinks. Police have launched an investigation, but the suspects have yet to be identified.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Diabetes + High BP = Double Trouble for Kidneys

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By Dr. Vipin Kaverappa - Consultant Nephrologist & Kidney Transplant Physician - Manipal Hospitals Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

Free student bus pass

Apply on Seva Sindhu for refund: KSRTC Rural DC

Mysuru, June 29 (MTY&BS)- KSRTC Divisional Controller (Rural) H.T. Veeresh has said that the students who had availed bus pass by paying the prescribed fee amount should apply online through Seva Sindhu portal to get a refund.

The Transport Department has launched a free student bus pass scheme. However, some of the students had taken the bus pass by paying the prescribed fee amount from May 29. Such students can apply for refund on Seva Sindhu portal and the amount will be credited to their bank account.

The students should visit Seva Sindhu portal and provide their cell number and OTP on the given link by submitting their application on *https://sevasindhuservices.karnataka.gov.in/buspass services* and complete Aadhaar-based e-KYC.

If the students provide details of either their bank account or that of their parents, the amount will be refunded through NEFT or RTGS to the bank account, within seven days of filing the application.

The amount credited will be intimated through SMS and there is no need for the students to visit any counters for confirmation.

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Last year's level **124.80 feet**	Last year's level **2,278.84 feet**	Last year's level **2,850.83 feet**
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REALLY...?

- ***Spix's macaw (Cyanopsitta spixii), also known as the little blue macaw, or simply blue macaw, is a macaw species that was endemic to Brazil. The bird is a medium-size parrot weighing about 300 grams.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

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Jack: No, but I'm the one who must dig his grave!

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1 Euro	= Rs. 107.53

VOICE OF THE READER

Ashokapuram Station lacks lifts, passengers struggle

Sir,

The Ashokapuram Railway Station in Mysuru, which is now the starting and terminating point for many trains, was supposedly developed to ease congestion at the main City Railway Station and improve passenger access.

However, many people we spoke to did not recommend the station for ease of access. It was only when we reached the station to board the 4.45 am Chennai Express that we realised the train was stationed on the middle platform and passengers had to climb the stairs and descend again to reach it.

With no lifts in place, the hardship faced by elderly passengers, women and children carrying luggage is difficult to describe.

It is a shame that the South Western Railway (SWR), which has reported profits running into crores of rupees, did not have the foresight to provide lift facilities while introducing so many important trains from the station.

As for our political leaders, who lined up for photo opportunities at the inauguration to claim credit without considering passenger convenience, the less said the better. One hopes that steps will be taken soon to provide lift services at the station.

—Mysuru Kishor
Kuvempunagar N Block
4.6.2026

Book release tomorrow

Mysuru, June 29- Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota and Samvahana Prakashana, Mysuru, have jointly organised a programme at Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) on JLB Road in city tomorrow (June 30) at 11 am, for the release of book 'Kannada Paricharaka - Pandita Pa. Nagarajaiah Samsmarana Samputa,' edited by senior journalist Na. Mahaveera Prasad.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Swastishri Madabhinava Charukeerthi Bhattaraka Swamiji of Digambara Jain Mutt will grace the occasion. Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal will inaugurate. Writer Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar will preside. Scholar Dr. K. Anantharamu will speak about the book.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Sri Digambara Jain Samaj President M.R. Sunil Kumar and Padmashree Mahila Samaja President Nandini Sanjay will be the chief guests. Kannada Sahityaa Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar will deliver the keynote address.

Installation Ceremony of Lions Club of Mysore Ambassadors

H.K. Prasanna

Dr. G. Kishore

R. Mallikarjunappa

Mysuru, June 29- Lions Club of Mysore Ambassadors has organised the Installation Ceremony of Ln. H.K. Prasanna as the President and his team for the year 2026-27 at Hotal Kalyani, Ring Road, tomorrow at 6.30 pm.

Ln. Dr. N. Krishne Gowda, Past District Governor, IPMCC MD 317, will be the Installing Officer. Ln. Dr. R.D. Kumar, President, will preside. Ln. T.H. Venkatesh, District Cabinet Secretary, Ln. A.P. Bharathesh, District Cabinet Treasurer, Ln. Jyothi Manjunath, Region Chairperson, Ln. B. Shivaji Rao, Zonal Chairperson, Ln. M. Shivakumar, Installation Committee Chairman, Ln. K.T. Vishnu, Secretary-2025-26, Ln. Dr. G. Kishore, Treasurer-2025-26 & Secretary-2026-27 and Ln. R. Mallikarjunappa, Treasurer-2026-27, will be present.

First Law Festival-2026 and Ethnic Day celebrations

Mysuru, June 29- Champa Educational & Charitable Trust and Champa School of Law, Mysuru, have organised the first Law Festival-2026 and Ethnic Day Celebrations, at Champa School of Law premises in Rajarajeshwarinagar tomorrow (June 30) at 10.30 am.

Vijayadhwani Pratishtana Cultural Trust President Vidu. R.C. Rajalakshmi will be the chief guest. Champa School of Law Principal Dr. G. Asmathunnisa will preside. Lecturer Bharat will be the co-ordinator of the event.

Yadavagiri residents seek action on encroachments

Mysuru, June 29 (BCT)- The members of **Yadavagiri Residents Association (YRA)** have resolved to step up efforts to improve the locality through tree conservation, waste management and protection of public land, while also raising concerns over the absence of civic officials from residents' meetings.

The decisions were taken at the Association's weekly meeting held yesterday, in which 32 members participated.

As part of its green initiatives, the Association's 'Green Group' distributed snake plants free of cost to residents. Members were encouraged to plant them at garbage dumping spots to discourage littering and improve the appearance of public spaces.

During the discussion, members stressed that the city requires "plant nurturers, not just tree planters," emphasising that greater attention should be paid to ensuring the survival of saplings after they are planted.

The Association also decided to seek an appointment with the Divisional Railway Manager to propose a large-scale tree plantation on vacant Railway land in and around the locality. Members felt that such unused land could be converted into green spaces for public benefit.

On the issue of public land, the Association resolved to identify encroachments on conservancy areas and submit details to Regional Commissioner Nitish Patil.

To address the problem of roadside garbage dumping, the Association plans to install warning boards along Vivekananda Road, cautioning that violators could face legal action.

The Association decided to organise an awareness programme for domestic workers and housekeeping staff to promote proper waste disposal practices and discourage the dumping of garbage in open areas.

The next Area Sabha has been scheduled for July 26 at the Park on 6th Main Road.

Pulse Polio drive by Railway Hospital

Mysuru, June 29- The Divisional Railway Hospital, Mysuru, successfully conducted the National Pulse Polio Immunization Programme across Mysuru Division on June 28.

The programme was inaugurated by Mudit Mittal, Divisional Railway Manager, Mysuru Division, at Platform No. 1 of Mysuru Railway Station. Pulse Polio booths were set up at Mysuru Railway Station, Divisional Railway Hospital, Rail Museum, Ashokapuram Health Unit, the Railway Underpass, and other Railway Health Units across the division.

Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) was administered free of cost to all children aged 0-5 years. A total of 1,497 children were vaccinated across Mysuru Division.

SWR Mysuru Division expressed its gratitude to all officers, medical staff, employees, volunteers and beneficiaries for their support in helping sustain India's Polio-Free status.

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Highway accident...

Deceased driver's kin in Mysuru city get financial help

Education Department staff led by DDPI Udaykumar hand over Rs. 28,000 to grieving family members; Injured BEOs undergoing treatment at hospital

Mysuru, June 29 (MTY&BS)- The officers of School Education and Literacy Department provided a financial assistance of Rs. 28,000 to the family members of cab driver Anand, who was killed in an accident that occurred on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway near Channapatna on June 22 in which five Block Education Officers (BEOs) were injured.

Anand, the cab driver and resident of Gowrishankar Nagar in city, was the sole breadwinner of the family, as his father Mallappa, a retired Policeman, is ailing from sometime. He is survived by his wife Chandini and seven-year-old son Gandharva.

A team of officials, led by DDPI Udaykumar, including teaching and non-teaching faculty of District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), visited Anand's house and consoled his family.

Udaykumar personally handed over Rs. 10,000 from his pocket, while Revanna, the District President of DIET Non-Teaching Faculty Association, who had raised Rs. 18,000 from the lecturers and non-teaching faculty, handed over the financial assistance to the bereaved family members.

Besides, they assured to admit Anand's son Gandharva to Karnataka Public School.

Anand, who was eking out a living by driving Tavera cab, met his tragic end, when he was taking the BEOs in his vehicle, to attend a meeting in Bengaluru. The tyre of his vehicle burst near Channapatna and the vehicle hit through the median and fell on the opposite lane and rammed into a goods vehicle.

While Anand succumbed to his injuries on the spot, the BEOs suffered injuries. Among them, the condition of Revanna is critical and is undergoing treatment at a hospital in city.

Senior Lecturer K.V. Suresh, APC Suresh, Subject Inspector Rachaiah, Lecturers Chennappa, Nanjundaradhya and Gayathri were present.

Fatal fire at restobar...

Excise DC suspended

S. Nagarajappa

Mysuru, June 29 (PM&BS)- The State Government has issued order suspending Excise Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Mysuru Urban Division S. Nagarajappa, on the charges of dereliction of duty, over the fire incident at Maara Restobar in Dattagalli, in which two persons lost their lives and six others were injured on June 15.

The restobar, which caught fire, was being operated on the rooftop of the two-storey building, in an unauthorised manner, without obtaining any prerequisite license to serve liquor. The ceiling of the restaurant was covered with haystack, bamboo and tarpaulin sheets.

It may be mentioned that, following the incident, five Excise personnel including Excise Dy.SP of Mysuru Sub-Division H.K. Ramesh, were suspended in relation to the incident on June 17.

The other personnel suspended are: Mysuru Zone-3 Excise Inspector Ashish, Excise Sub-Inspectors Ranganath and Dileep Kumar and Excise Constable Rajesh, according to the order issued by State Excise Commissioner, Bengaluru.

Mysore Airport to get green cover with medicinal plants: Director

Mysore Airport Director P.V. Usha Kumari watering a sapling to inaugurate the 'MyGreen Exhibition' organised by BAI Mysuru at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry in city recently as others look on.

Mysuru, June 29 (GA&VNS)- Mysore Airport in Mandakalli will get green cover with planting medicinal plants on vacant land, said Mysore Airport Director P.V. Usha Kumari.

She was speaking after inaugurating the 2-day 'MyGreen Expo' organised by Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysuru Chapter, at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, here recently. "Mysore Airport is being converted into environment-friendly airport for which many programmes are already in progress including the use of battery-operated vehicle for passenger transit," she added.

Usha Kumari also mentioned that works on runway expansion was moving in fast pace and added international flights would be operating from Mysore Airport in a couple of years along with flight operations for other major cities in country.

The expo featured eco-friendly construction materials being displayed in a total of 24 stalls at the venue.

'Parisara Prajna-2026' awardee

University of Mysore (UoM) retired gardener Maistry Madaiah, who was conferred with 'Parisara Prajna-2026' award during World Environment Day celebrations at KIKS premises in city recently, is seen with wildlife photographer Krupakar, UoM VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath, KIKS Director Dr. Nanjaiah Honganur and others.

Protecting natural forest counts more in conservation: Krupakar

Mysuru, June 29 (MTY&TRR)- Noted Wildlife photographer Krupakar has opined that preservation of natural forests is inevitable and is more important than planting saplings.

Krupakar was speaking at a programme organised to observe World Environment Day, organised jointly by Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS) and Bodhivruksha Society for Development at B.M. Sri auditorium, KIKS, University of Mysore (UoM), Manasagangothri in city recently.

At the function, 'Parisara Prajna-2026' award was presented to Maistry Madaiah, a retired gardener of UoM. A cash award of Rs. 10,000 and a certificate was presented to Madaiah.

Citing an instance, Krupakar said that in China, massive grasslands were considered as useless and they were used for other purposes. "This resulted in extension of desert area. Chinese authorities sent a scientist, who opposed the use of farmlands for other purposes, was sent to jail. When the situation went out of control, authorities begged pardon and sought advice from the jailed scientist," added Krupakar.

Prior to this, Prof. N.K. Lokanath, Vice-Chancellor of UoM, who inaugurated the programme, said that global warming and weather fluctuations are leading to shortage of rains during rainy season.

"Only we are responsible for this state of affairs. In the olden days, people used to build houses where clean air and pure water were available. Now everybody are moving to urban areas and build a house there. We can't live without environment and each one of us must work towards a clean environment," concluded Prof. Lokanath.

Prof. Chandramouli of Department of Studies in Social Work, said that in future we may have to move around in major cities using oxygen cylinders if we don't take measures now to protect our environment and learn to coexist with our environment.

Social activist Ahinda Javarappa, Bodhivruksha Society for Development President M.S. Chandra and KIKS Director Prof. Nanjaiah Honganur, who presided over the event, also addressed the gathering.

Hoteliers seek reduction in prices of commercial LPG cylinders

Narayanagowda

Mysuru, June 29- Mysuru City Hoteliers Association has demanded a slash in the prices of commercial gas cylinders.

Association President C. Narayanagowda has issued a press statement where he said that the prices of 19-kg commercial gas cylinders were hiked by Rs. 1,500 during the last 4 months as an aftermath of US-Iran War in the Middle East.

"The prices of crude oil have come down after the signing of a peace agreement between two warring nations recently. Following improvement in the supply of crude oil from Iran, the Central Government has ensured the uninterrupted supply of LPG cylinders which is welcome. But still the supply at the ground level have not improved yet. Since the hike in the prices of petrol and diesel have led to the increased cost of food grains, edible oil and other necessary items, including transport charges, which have made the running the hotel business very difficult. Hence, our Association strongly urge the Central Government to immediately reduce the price of commercial LPG cylinders which will also benefit the general public. I appeal the Government to take suitable action in this regard," said Narayanagowda.

District Minister asks officials to get ready for drought management

Mysuru, June 29 (PM&DM)- Stating that the Meteorological Department has predicted a poor monsoon this year attributing it to El-Nino effect, Mysuru-Chamarajanagar Districts Natural Disaster Management In-charge Minister Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah directed the officials to start preparations for tackling drought-like situation in right earnest.

He was speaking at the Mysuru-Chamarajanagar District-level meeting of officials on drinking water situation and progress of sowing of seeds in monsoon season, at the ZP auditorium here yesterday.

"Mysuru district is facing drought-like situation and officials must ensure drinking water problem does not surface anywhere in the district. The officials must also suggest the farmers to grow crops that are climate resilient. Farmers should drop plans on growing water consuming crops and instead should opt for crops such as ragi, jowar, maize, horse gram etc., for which the district administration should stock enough quantity of seeds. The farmers should be sensitised on growing crops that consume less water," Dr. Yathindra said.

Instructing the officials to immediately identify villages that are facing drinking water crisis, he said that borewells should be drilled in such villages. "In places where there are no borewells, the officials should hire private water tankers and supply drinking water. At places where new borewells are drilled, the officials should ensure power connection and see that the borewells are functioning properly," the Incharge Minister said adding that funds would be sanctioned for drinking water supplies.

Urban Development and District Minister Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah chairing a meeting of district-level officials from Mysuru-Chamarajanagar districts at ZP Hall in Mysuru yesterday.

MLA Tanveer Sait said that the district administration is drilling borewells at places where there is shortage of water and the authorities should ensure that these borewells get power connection from CESC at the earliest.

Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda said that MCC officials should respond positively when residents come up with drinking water problems in their localities.

Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy said NDRF (Natural Disaster Response Fund) money can be used for drinking water supplies only after the declaration of the district as drought-hit. As there is no declaration of drought as yet, the funds available in the Rural Development Department can be utilised for meeting drinking water needs, he noted. The DC further said that separate meetings would be held under the chairmanship of local MLAs to discuss drinking water shortage in their respective Constituencies.

Joint Director of Agriculture K.H. Ravi said that the district has faced a shortfall in pre-monsoon rains this year. "Mysuru district has received only 172.3 mm of rainfall as against the normal rains of 287 mm in the period from January to June this year. The shortfall in rains has also severely impacted sowing with only 42.81 percent sowing of seeds done in a targeted area of 1.61 lakh hectares. This is less when compared to 49 percent at this stage last year. The Department has 56,000 metric tonnes of fertiliser stocks as against the demand for 50,000 tonnes from April to June," Ravi said.

CNNL Superintending Engineer (Harangi Project Circle) Raghupathi said only 9 tmcft (live storage) of water is available for use in KRS and Kabini reservoirs. In such a situation, this water can be used only for supply of drinking water and not for any other purposes.

Pointing out that 2.5 tmcft of water is necessary for supply of drinking water to Bengaluru, Mysuru and 30 other villages every month, Raghupathi said the available water right now is sufficient for just 3.5 months. However, 24 tmcft of water can be made available from Hemavathi and Harangi reservoirs and this water is sufficient to meet the drinking water demands for 9-10 months, he said adding that as of now, water cannot be utilised for growing crops.

MLAs T.S. Srivatsa, H.M. Ganesh Prasad, Anil Chikkamadu and Darshan Dhruvanarayan, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, MP Sunil Bose, Mysuru ZP CEO S. Ukesh Kumar, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, Chamarajanagar DC Sriroopa, Chamarajanagar ZP CEO Mona Roth, SP M. Mutturaj and other officials attended the meeting.

Plea to install Dr. Shivakumara Swamiji's statue at Kuvempunagar in city soon

Mysuru, June 29 (GA&BS)- Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha leaders submitted a memorandum to the Regional Commissioner (RC) of Mysuru Division, Nitesh Patil, to install the statue of late pontiff of Tumakuru Sri Siddaganga Mutt, Dr. Sri Shivakumara Swamiji, at the Circle named after the pontiff in Kuvempunagar in the city, at the earliest.

The Veerashaiva Mahasabha leaders have stated that, previously Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) at its Council meeting, had resolved to install the statue of Shivakumara Swamiji at the junction situated in front of a petrol bunk in Kuvempunagar. Subsequently, the then Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, had performed the ground-breaking for the works, besides inviting tenders and sanctioning the required grants, as informed to the public. But till date the works on statue are yet to start, which has disappointed both the public and the devotees of the Mutt.

Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha leaders submitting a memorandum to the Regional Commissioner of Mysuru Division, Nitesh Patil in city recently.

Even though Krishnaraja (KR) MLA T.S. Srivatsa and the Mahasabha leaders had brought the matter of inordinate delay on taking up statue works to the notice of officers, they have been buying time. The officers privy to the developments had even told that the tender process has been completed and the advance amount has been released to the contractor. However, no developments related to works have come to notice so far, they alleged.

The officers are coming out with cold response, barely providing any information related to the status of statue works, the Mahasabha leaders rued.

Former Treasurer of Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha Varuna Mahesh, leaders Jayakumar, Jagadish Madapura, Basavaraj, Anagatti Mahadev Swamy, Manu Nanjanayakanahalli, B. Guruswamy, Nanjunda Swamy, Madhu, Abhi and others were present.

Octogenarian among two go missing from city

Mysuru, June 29 (KS)- In separate cases, an 82-year-old man is among two persons, who have gone missing from city.

In the first case, 82-year-old Rachegowda has gone missing from Nazarbad Police limits in city.

He is 4.9 ft. tall, oval faced, normal built, sports white hair and was wearing a white coloured full arm shirt, blue dhoti and was carrying a black towel.

In the second case, 40-year-old Anjanamma has gone missing from Nazarbad Police limits.

She is 4.5 ft. tall, oval faced, dark complexioned, normal built and was wearing a green kurti, orange veil, pink sweater and black pant at the time of going missing.

Rachegowda

Anjanamma

Those having any information about the missing persons may contact Nazarbad Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418308 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

Obituary

K. Nagendra

Nanjangud, June 29- K. Nagendra (68), former President of Kanakadasa Students Hostel and BJP leader, passed away yesterday in the town.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the burial grounds near Parashurama Temple here this morning, according to family sources.

Pramoda Devi to inaugurate two-day Mysuru Literature Festival on July 4

Founder-Director and Chairperson of Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust and Mysuru Book Clubs Charitable Trust Shubha Sanjay Urs** (centre) **seen releasing the poster of Mysuru Literature Festival-2026 at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city this morning along with** (from left) **Members Divya Sanjay & Kitty Mandana, Secretary Thankam Panakal, Vice-Chairman Sam Cherian Kumbukattu Treasurer Raian Irani and Member Prithvi Sudheendra.

Amish Tripathi, Aroon Raman, T.M. Krishna, Shatavadhani Ganesh, Vivek Shanbhag, Capt. G.R. Gopinath among guests

Amish Tripathi *Aroon Raman* *T.M. Krishna* *Shatavadhani Ganesh* *Vivek Shanbhag* *Capt. Gopinath*

Mysuru Literature Festival 2026

Mysuru, June 29 (GA&BCT)- The 10th edition of the Mysuru Literature Festival, featuring eminent authors, historians, journalists, artistes, entrepreneurs and intellectuals from across the country, will be held on July 4 and 5 at Hotel Southern Star.

Organised jointly by the Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust and Mysuru Book Clubs Charitable Trust, the two-day festival marks a decade of literary engagement with sessions on literature, history, mythology, science, business, cinema, music, public policy and AI.

Addressing a press conference at Pathrakarthara Bhavan this morning, Founder-Director of the Mysuru Literature Festival Shubha Sanjay Urs said that the festival would be inaugurated by Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, member of the erstwhile Mysore Royal Family. Bestselling author Amish Tripathi and author-entrepreneur Aroon Raman will be the guests of honour.

Eight books will be released during the inaugural session. *Padma Shri* awardee Anke Gowda of Pandavapura, one of the country's largest private collectors of books and M.M. Nikhilesh of Kalisu Foundation will be felicitated.

Pramoda Devi Wadiyar

Focus on mythology, multilingual literature

The festival will feature several sessions on mythology, history and India's civilisational heritage. Amish Tripathi and Aroon Raman will discuss mythology from a contemporary perspective, while Shatavadhani Ganesh will speak on the enduring appeal of Indian epics. Textile historian Mayank Mansingh Kaul and historian Jonathan Gil Harris are among the prominent speakers.

Regional literature and multilingual writing will receive special attention through discussions featuring Preethi Nagaraj, Tabeenah Anjum, Vivek Shanbhag and Jonathan Gil Harris, among others.

The festival will also commemorate the 120th birth centenary of celebrated novelist R.K. Narayan with a special session dedicated to his literary legacy.

Leadership, democracy and poetry

Business and leadership will be explored through conversations between Harish Bhat and Bhaskar Bhat on leadership lessons from the Tata Group. Aviation pioneer Capt. G.R. Gopinath will interact with veteran journalist Shankar Bellur on contemporary India and public life.

Noted Karnatak vocalist and writer T.M. Krishna will participate in a session on citizenship and contemporary India alongside Srikar Raghavan, while Chandan Gowda and Amshula Prakash will discuss the evolution of Mysore as a developmental State.

Hindi poetry will find expression in a special session featuring Dwarika Prasad Uniyal and A.P. Poornima, who will reflect on the enduring relationship between poetry and life.

Cultural programmes

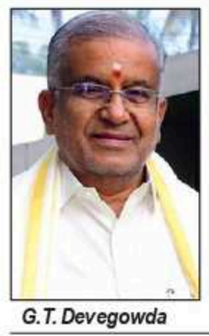
The Kannada Stage will host a special afternoon session on July 4, featuring renowned Mysuru artist Badal Nanjundaswamy. The audience will also witness a one-act play, 'Hennallave,' directed by Sowmya Varma and performed by Prof. Lakshmi Chandrashekhar.

On July 5, the day's events will begin with a performance by the Kriya Folk Troupe, showcasing traditional folk music and dance.

The festival will also feature sessions on fiction, mystery writing, satire, short-story writing, scientific inquiry and the growing influence of artificial intelligence. Actor Kubbra Sait will participate in a discussion on cinema and storytelling alongside several authors, musicians and performers.

Other attractions include the screening of the documentary 'River of Life', followed by an interaction with noted wildlife conservationist Dr. Sanjay Gubbi, besides book launches, author interactions, the Mysuru Contemporary Authors' Corner, book sales by participating publishers and a Book Swap Corner.

My support, people's backing made HDK CM twice: GTD



G.T. Devegowda

H.D. Kumaraswamy

Mysuru, June 29 (BLU&BCT)- Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) has claimed that former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) became Karnataka Chief Minister twice because of the blessings of Goddess Chamundeshwari, the support of the people of the Constituency and his own backing.

Speaking to reporters after inaugurating development works at Belawadi village yesterday, he said it was at a JD(S) workers' convention held at Kalamandira in Mysuru that he had first proposed Kumaraswamy's name for the Chief Minister's post.

"Later, the 'Kumara Parva' rally held in Chamundeshwari Constituency received an overwhelming response. The support of the people, along with my backing, enabled Kumaraswamy to become CM twice," he said.

Stressing that development remains his priority, Devegowda said he was not interested in political speculation.

"Whichever party is in power and whoever is the Chief Minister, my only concern is the development of Chamundeshwari Constituency. I don't follow social media or pay attention to political gossip. My strength is the people of the Constituency and I will continue to work for them," he said.

No plans to join Congress

Dismissing rumours that he was planning to join the Congress, GTD recalled that similar speculation had surfaced when he questioned then Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's resignation during Dasara celebrations.

"I never had plans to join the Congress. I only sought special grants for the Constituency and Rs. 25 crore was sanctioned, just as it was for other Constituencies. Even after Siddaramaiah demitted office, I reminded him of his promise. Recently, I met Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar at an official meeting. I will meet him again soon to seek additional funds for development works," he said.

Responding to questions on Kumaraswamy's reported remarks distancing himself from the party, Devegowda said he had not heard the comments.

"Kumaraswamy himself has said we have not been in touch for the past one-and-a-half years. He has much more political experience than me. He has served as Chief Minister twice and is now a Union Minister. He also made me a Minister twice. Just as H.D. Deve Gowda protected and strengthened the party, Kumaraswamy will now take that responsibility forward," he said.

Asked whether he would take the lead in strengthening the party organisation, GTD said his focus remained solely on the development of Chamundeshwari Constituency.

"People are asking me to contest again in the 2028 Assembly elections and I have assured them that I will continue to serve the Constituency. Beyond that, I have no other political agenda," he added. GTD offered no direct comment on Kumaraswamy's claim of moving away from the party fold.

Man found dead: Probe begins

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Preliminary reports said that the body remained at the private hospital as legal formalities were being completed before it would be shifted to the mortuary of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) for post-mortem examination.

According to Nithyananda's family members and neighbours, the couple had frequent quarrels.

Police are examining all possible angles, though officials said the exact cause of death, motive, if any and other circumstances surrounding the incident would be established only after the investigation and post-mortem report.

As part of the investigation, Scene of Crime Officers and Police teams took Nithyananda's wife into the house to reconstruct the sequence of events and gather further information.

Police said she has not been subjected to a detailed interrogation so far, though she has been questioned as part of the preliminary inquiry.

A formal case was yet to be registered when reports last came in.

According to latest reports, the body of Nithyananda was at the house when *Star of Mysore* went to press at 2.30 pm.

Season 5 Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20

Coastal Kings cruise to eight wicket triumph over Yodhas

Hubballi, June 29- Coastal Kings Mangaluru scored an emphatic eight-wicket victory (VJD target) over Shivamogga Yodhas in the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 tournament held at KSCA Stadium here yesterday. The match was reduced to 17 overs a side during the first innings, due to rain.

Batting first, Shivamogga Yodhas could manage only 113 for eight in their 17 overs as their batting proved brittle yet again and that led to their second successive defeat. For the winners, who reached the revised target with utmost comfort in just 12.4 overs losing just two wickets, veteran medium pacer Vasuki Koushik (2-15) did the early damage with a double blow in his second over while 17-year-old debutant B.R. Rathan (3-16) broke the lower-order on his debut.

It was their third victory in five matches and helped them reduce the margin with the table toppers Bengaluru Blasters to a solitary point and move to second position on seven points.

For the Yodhas, it was their second successive defeat and fourth in five matches. They stay in fourth with four points from five matches.

In reply, Coastal Kings openers M. Venkatesh and Nikin Jose added 81 runs in just 7.5 overs to effectively put the match beyond the reach of the Yodhas. Venkatesh's 25-ball 45 consisted of four boundaries and three sixes while Jose continued his good form with 31 (25 balls, 2 fours, 2 sixes). Siddharth Akhil (22 not out, 19 balls, 2 fours) and Rajvir Wadhwa (10 not out, 7 balls, 1 six) completed the formalities without much fuss.

For Coastal Kings, the 33-year-old multi-talented Koushik first clean bowled opener M.G. Naveen (10, 10 balls, 1 four, 1 six) of the fourth ball of his second over and then ensured K.V. Aneesh's poor form continued as he dismissed him for another golden duck, caught by Jose, off the very next delivery.

Captain Smaran Ravichandran (6 runs, 7 balls) too did not last long as Dheeraj Gowda got rid of him and once reliable opener Luvnith Sisodia, who has already scored three half centuries so far, fell for another top score of 35 (28 balls, 4 fours and 1 six) in the ninth over, the team was in deep trouble at 58 for four.

The remarkably talented debutant Rathan then entered the scene and completed the destruction in dramatic style, claiming the last three wickets to fall.

Brief Scores

Shivamogga Yodhas 113-8 in 17 overs (Luvnith Sisodia 35, Harshil Dharmani 28; Vasuki Koushik 2-15, B.R. Rathan 3-16) lost to Coastal Kings Manguluru 118-2 in 12.4 overs (Muralidhara Venkatesh 45, Nikin Jose 31; Siddharth Akhil 22 not out, Rajvir Wadhwa 10 not out; Bheem Rao Navale 2-24).

TODAY'S MATCHES (JUNE 29)

- **Gulbarga Mystics Vs Hubli Tigers** — **2.30 pm**
- **Bengaluru Blasters Vs Coastal Kings Mangaluru** — **7 pm**

VENUE: KSCA Stadium, Hubballi

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Amity Round Table-156 renovates six classrooms

Mysuru, June 29- Mysore Amity Round Table-156, under he Freedom Through Education (FTE), renovated six classrooms at T.S. Subbanna Government High School, Kyathanahalli.

The project was undertaken by Mysore Amity Round Table (MART)-156 under the Chairmanship of Tr. Pradeep Kashyap. The renovated classrooms were inaugurated by Area Chairman Tr. Sushruth in the presence of Round Table, Ladies Circle and 41 Club members, school authorities, teachers, students and local community representatives.

The renovated classrooms are expected to enhance the educational experience of students by providing safer, brighter and more conducive spaces for learning.

The initiative forms part of Round Table India's nationwide mission to strengthen educational infrastructure through community-driven service projects.

MART-156 Chairman Tr. Pradeep Kashyap, Area Vice-Chairman Tr. Suraj, Area Secretary Tr. Sunil, Area Projects Convenor Tr. Mohan Raj, MART-156 Project Convenor Tr. Asheem, MART-156 Treasurer Dr. Suraj, Immediate Past Chairman Tr. Daksh, Mysore Amity Ladies Circle-108 Chairperson L.C. Nisha, 41 Club Chairman & Area Charter Chairman 41er Kailash and MART-156 Charter Chairman Tr. Y.R. Rajesh and others were present.

The project was executed with the support of Round Table India Trust, Forever 156 (41 Club 156), Mysore Amity Ladies Circle-108, donors and well-wishers who contributed towards improving educational facilities for Government school students.

A special tribute was paid to 41er Girish Kushalappa and Twinkler Rajveer Singh, in whose loving memory the project was dedicated.

BEML-KIADB Road crater-ridden

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Vijay Kumar also drew attention to the accumulation of garbage along the roadside, alleging that the absence of a proper waste collection system has aggravated the problem.

He said that plastic waste and litter clog the damaged portions of the road, while dust and debris create an unhygienic environment. The contrast, he said, is particularly evident after crossing the adjoining Infosys campus road, where motorists move from a well-maintained stretch to a badly damaged industrial road.

Urging the KIADB to take immediate action, the reader called for comprehensive repairs to the road, proper drainage, regular garbage clearance and improved maintenance of the industrial area.

"Restoring the road to a safe and motorable condition will benefit thousands of employees and transport operators using the stretch every day. It will also improve the overall infrastructure supporting Mysuru's industrial growth," Vijay Kumar said.

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By R.G. Singh
Secretary, Ramsons Kala Pratishtana

God created the Maharajas to provide a spectacle to humanity," wrote Rudyard Kipling. And what a royal spectacle they were, their lives, the stuff dreams are made of, their alliances, mis-alliances and, of course, their fabulous and fabled weddings.

This stunning black and white photograph of fourteen-year-old Princess Sri Jayachamundammanni with her just-wed groom H.H. Maharaja Brajendra Sawai Brijendra Singh Bahadur, Bahadur Jung, was shot at the magnificent peacock pavilion of the Mysore Palace on 18.6.1941.

The petite Princess of Mysore, who became the Maharani of Bharatpur, had a very short life of twenty-seven years (30.10.1927 to 26.7.1954). She had arrived at Mysore and was staying at her maternal mansion, Chamundi Vihar, after delivering her fifth daughter at Bangalore on 9th July 1954. When she passed away, the Maharaja of Bharatpur was by her bedside.

A correspondent's report in the 28th July 1954 Bangalore edition of the Indian Express states, "Major General B. Chatterjee, Military Secretary to the President of India, called at Chamundi Vihar, immediately after the receipt of the tragic news and personally conveyed a message of condolence from the President Sri Rajendra Prasad (who was on an official visit to Mysore) to the Maharaja of Mysore, Maharaja of Bharatpur, Yuvarani of Mysore (mother of the deceased) and other members of the royal family. The late Maharani's body was removed by a specially chartered Dakota to Bharatpur for the last rites."

She was cremated at the Bharatpur Rajaon ki Chhatri (cenotaphs) situated at Govardhan Hills, UP.

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Investiture Ceremony held at Schools

Mysuru, June 29- The Investiture Ceremony of the Student Cabinet for the academic year 2026-27 was organised on June 13 at the campus of **KNC INNOVATIVE GLOBAL SCHOOL,** Hebbal Industrial Area, Mysuru.

The event was held with the motto, 'Today's Leadership, Tomorrow's Legacy!'

The ceremony was presided over by the Institution Chairman Dr. K.N. Chandrashekar (KAS), who formally handed over responsibilities to the newly elected members of the Student Council.

The programme featured a march-past by the Physical Education Department, a performance by the School Band and the conferring of flags, sashes and badges to the office-bearers. This was followed by the oath-taking ceremony.

In his presidential address, Dr. Chandrashekar highlighted the significance of leadership, discipline and responsibility.

School Principal B. Joseph Frank administered the oath of allegiance to all the newly elected members. Teaching and non-teaching staff of the school were present on the occasion.

JSS PUBLIC SCHOOL, SIDDARTHANAGAR, held its Investiture Ceremony at the School premises on June 17. The ceremony marked the formal induction of the newly elected Student Council members, who were entrusted with leadership responsibilities for the academic year 2026-27.

The programme commenced with an invocation. B. Latha, Principal, welcomed the gathering and highlighted the significance of leadership, responsibility, discipline and service in student life.

Gaurav, Scientist 'D' and Head of Office, Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH), Mysuru, who was the chief guest on the occasion, handed over the capes and flags to the newly elected office-bearers.

The Student Council members then took the oath of office, which was administered by S.L. Nagendra, Vice-Principal. The newly elected leaders proudly received the Guard of Honour.

Addressing the gathering, chief guest Gaurav emphasised the importance of acquiring knowledge. He remarked that knowledge gives power and power must always be accompanied by responsibility. He encouraged the young leaders to utilise their authority wisely, lead by example and work wholeheartedly for the welfare and progress of the school community.

K.S. Rithisha, School Captain, proposed a vote of thanks. Anuradha Singh, CCA Coordinator, compered the programme. The ceremony ended with the National Anthem.

HARI VIDYALAYA: Students should cultivate leadership, discipline, responsibility and a spirit of service. The role of youth in nation-building is significant and good leadership qualities should be developed from school itself, said Dr. Vinay Vitthal, a retired Group Captain of the Indian Air Force, fighter pilot and strategic expert. He was the chief guest at the Investiture Ceremony held at Hari Vidyalaya, Bogadi.

Addressing the gathering after presenting the badges of office to the newly elected members of the Students' Council, Dr. Vinay Vitthal recalled the courage, patriotism and spirit of sacrifice displayed by Indian soldiers during the India-China War.

He said that the bravery, dedication to duty and resilience shown by the Indian armed forces under adverse circumstances continue to serve as an inspiration to today's youth.

He urged the students to develop qualities such as discipline, leadership, punctuality and teamwork, following the example set by soldiers. He further stated that while soldiers protect the honour of the nation on the battlefield, students should strive for excellence in education and bring pride to their school, society and the nation. He encouraged them to cultivate the courage to face challenges, remain steadfast in pursuing their goals and develop a deep sense of patriotism.

On the dais, H.R. Bhagavan, Secretary, Prof. K.V. Satyan, Academic Director and V. Ganesh, Principal, conveyed their best wishes to the newly elected office-bearers.

The newly elected members of the Students' Council took an oath to work sincerely for the development of the school and the welfare of the students.

Members of the school management, the Principal, teachers and students were present on the occasion.

THE ORCHIDS PUBLIC SCHOOL, KUMARABEEDU, celebrated its Investiture Ceremony, formally entrusting leadership responsibilities to the newly elected Student Council members.

The chief guest of the event was Dr. R. Nagabhushan, Retired Professor of Economics, whose inspiring address encouraged students to lead with integrity, responsibility and purpose.

The ceremony was held in the presence of Chairman Ullas Pandit, CEO Yeshoda Pandit, Principal Anitha, Administrative Officer Asha and Head Master Suresh, whose guidance and encouragement added significance to the occasion.

The newly appointed Council members were formally sworn in, taking an oath to uphold the values of the institution and serve the school community with commitment and dedication.

The student leadership team includes School President Rithiksha and Vice-President Vidhyashree. The Council is further strengthened by Prime Minister Tejas, Discipline Minister Prerana, Environment Minister Sannidhi, Transport Minister Srujana, Cultural Minister Poorvika and Minister for Science & Technology Dhruva Teja, along with their respective Deputy Ministers.

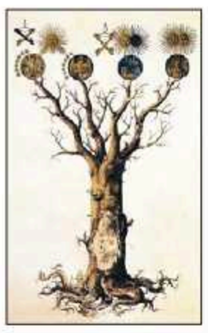
House Captains and Vice-Captains also took the oath, marking the beginning of their leadership journey.

Addressing the gathering, the dignitaries highlighted the role of young leaders in fostering a culture of discipline, collaboration and excellence. The event served as a platform to instil confidence and a sense of responsibility among students, preparing them to become capable leaders and responsible citizens.

The ceremony concluded on a note of pride and optimism, celebrating the spirit of leadership and reaffirming the school's commitment to nurturing the leaders of tomorrow.

WORD OF THE DAY

Oracular



Pronunciation: aw-RAK-yuh-ler (adjective).
Meaning: Oracular is a formal word that can describe something used to forecast or prophesise or something that resembles or relates to something used for such purposes. Oracular can also describe something that resembles an oracle — a person (such as a priestess of ancient Greece) through whom a deity is believed to speak; in this sense, an oracular statement, voice, etc. conveys wisdom or solemnity.
Origin: When the ancient Greeks had questions or problems, they would turn to the gods for answers by consulting an oracle, a person through whom the gods communicated, usually in the form of cryptic verse. Oracle also referred to the god's answer or to the shrine that worshippers approached when seeking advice; the word's root is the Latin verb orare, which means "to speak." English speakers today can use oracle to simply refer to an authoritative pronouncement or to a person who makes such pronouncements—for example, "a designer who is an oracle of fashion." And the related adjective oracular is used in similar contexts: "a designer who is an oracular voice of fashion."
Example: "The conversation that unfolds is some of [writer Ben] Lerner's most brilliant and daring writing to date, a mad, oracular burst of speech—about technology, parenthood, and dreaming—that flits effortlessly between prose and poetry." — Kevin Lozano, Vulture, 3 Apr. 2026.

THE ODD WORD

Obtest

To call to witness; to adjure; to protest; to beseech.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Rock the boat

Meaning: The phrase 'Rock the boat' means to do something that causes trouble or disturbs the harmony of a situation.
Origin: The origin of the phrase 'Rock the boat' is attributed to American statesman, lawyer and politician William Jennings Bryan, who was famously quoted "The man who rocks the boat ought to be stoned when he gets back on shore." In this 1914 quote, it is evident that Bryan was referring to those who stir up trouble.
Example: "We are days before the elections; you can't rock the boat now!"

QUOTE BOX

Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better. **—Maya Angelou**

RIDDLE THIS

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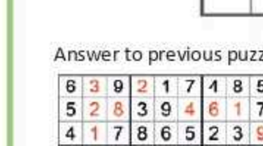

Answer: Animal Farm.

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		1	3			7		
8	3		5	7			2	
			6				4	

Answer to previous puzzle

6	3	9	2	1	7	4	8	5
5	2	8	3	9	4	6	1	7
4	1	7	8	6	5	2	3	9
2	5	3	4	7	6	1	9	8
7	9	6	1	2	8	5	4	3
1	8	4	5	3	9	7	2	6
8	4	2	7	5	3	9	6	1
9	7	1	6	8	2	3	5	4
3	6	5	9	4	1	8	7	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

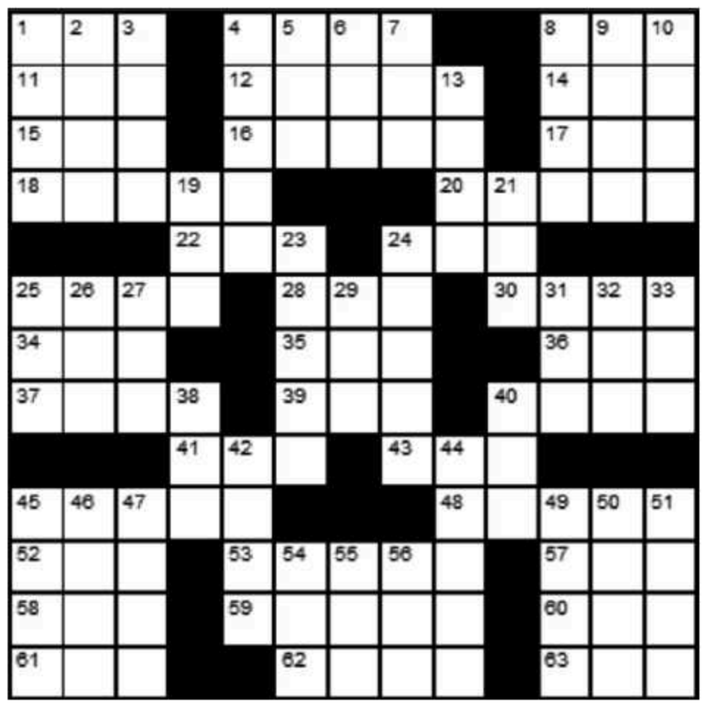
1 ___ Biao : Mao Zedong's famous general?
4 Shortly
8 Brother of Kush
11 Consenting words while getting married? (1,2)
12 To hurl or fling
14 Mine material
15 Assemblyman, in short
16 Adult insect
17 The years of your life
18 East Indian state
20 Golfing trophy: ___ Cup
22 Psychedelic drug
24 Actress Thurman
25 Thin strand of hair
28 Binet-Simon test measurements
30 Short note
34 Org. of Amer. States
35 Hint
36 Dairy farm resident
37 Major leg joint
39 ___ much : quite a bit?
40 Christmas boy's name?
41 Tibetan gazelle or India state ?
43 Sick day cause
45 Pretend
48 Euro 2020 champions
52 Subside or abate
53 Lawful colloquially speaking
57 Not
58 Previous to
59 Young person
60 Natl. Chem. Lab
61 Liquid oxygen, in short?
62 Cut, snicker - "seen" anagram?
63 As slippery as an ____?

SATURDAY'S ANSWER

	T	R	A			T	A	M				
	R	E	A	R	M		A	C	I	D	S	
B	O	N	S	A	I		S	T	E	E	P	
C	O	B	A	L	T		T	U	N	E	R	S
A	M	Y		S	H	E	E	P		P	I	E
			F	E	U	D			N	E	N	E
	A	R	R	A	N	G	E	M	E	N	T	
P	R	A	Y			E	X	I	T			
I	N	F		L	Y	S	O	L		O	D	E
T	O	F	F	E	E		D	I	O	D	E	S
	L	L	A	M	A		U	T	T	E	R	S
	D	E	C	O	R		S	I	T	O	N	
		E	N	S			A	O	N			

DOWN

1 Body member
2 S. Indian snack
3 Yannick ___ : the French tennis star?
4 Agitations or commotions?
5 Resistance unit
6 Pray for us - ___ pro nobis ?
7 Beverage made with beaten eggs
8 Burden or weight
9 Feeling that you want to do something
10 Turn off course
13 A creeping insect
19 High mountain
21 Root vegetable
23 Authoritative statements?
24 Made __ __ : employed ? (3,2)
25 Chinese frying pan
26 Bond creator Fleming
27 U-turn from NNW
29 Status ___ : existing state of affairs
31 Prefix meaning "nature"
32 One of the Three Stooges ?
33 Nocturnal bird
38 Poultry farm product
40 Crazy person
42 Just
44 Loose-limbed
45 ____ up to : be ready for or is capable of?
46 Spain's longest river
47 Wild goat
49 Author Rice
50 Shoe string
51 Shout
54 Greek goddess of dawn
55 Firearm
56 Suffix denoting native or inhabitant



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

LR HNBRYQ ZNXR WAIR WK BRNGW AF WZAT

LKBYE, YRW NYKFR BRZRNBTR.

TODAY'S CLUE: L EQUALS W

Saturday's Cryptoquip: A mountain man tries to live with the country instead of against it.

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Welcome To The Jungle (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

Welcome To The Jungle (H)	(S-1)	10.15 am
	(S-4)	4 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Balaramana Dinagalu (K)	(S-1)	1.30 pm, 9.50 pm
Supergirl (E-3D)	(S-1)	4.30 pm
	(S-2)	10.45 am, 7.35 pm
Moda Kavida Vatavarana (K)	(S-1)	7 pm
Con City (Ta)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Maa Inti Bangaaram (Te)	(S-2)	4.25 pm, 10.15 pm; (S-3) 7.05 pm
Obsession (E)	(S-3)	10.40 am
Angikaaram (Ta)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
Cocktail 2 (H)	(S-3)	4 pm
	(S-4)	10 am, 1 pm
Ananthankaadu (Ma)	(S-3)	10.15 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Balaramana Dinagalu (K)	:	10:15 am, 1.05 pm, 3.55 pm, 6.50 pm
Welcome To The Jungle (H)	:	10.45 am, 12.30 pm
		6.35 pm, 9.30 pm
Moda Kavida Vaathavarana (K)	:	11 am, 1.20 pm
Maa Inti Bangaaram (Te)	:	1.55 pm, 6.30 pm
Cocktail 2 (H)	:	3.40 pm, 9.45 pm
Con City (Ta)	:	3.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Balan: The Boy (K)	:	6.40 pm
Heartin (Ta)	:	9.45 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Welcome To The Jungle (H)	:	8.50 am, 10.30 am, 12.15 pm
		3.40 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Cocktail 2 (H)	:	9.10 am, 12.20 pm, 1.55 pm
		3.30 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.50 pm
Maa Inti Bangaaram (Te)	:	10 am, 7 pm
Supergirl (E-3D)	:	10 am, 2.50 pm, 5.15 pm, 10 pm
Balaramana Binagalu (K)	:	10.25 am, 3.50 pm, 9.30 pm
Obsession (E)	:	12.20 pm, 4.35 pm
Main Vaapas Aaunga (H)	:	1.10 pm, 10.10 pm
Moda Kavida Vaathavarana (K)	:	1.15 pm, 6.55 pm
Con City (Ta)	:	5 pm
Toy Story 5 (E-3D)	:	7.40 pm
The Voice of Hind Rajab (Hebrew)	:	8.10 pm
Ananthan Kaadu (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Welcome To The Jungle (H)	:	8.50 am, 12.15 pm, 3.40 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Balaramana Dinagalu (K)	:	9.55 am, 12.50 pm, 7.05 pm
Cocktail 2 (H)	:	9.55 am, 3.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Supergirl (E-3D)	:	10.05 am, 12.30 pm, 5.30 pm, 7.55 pm
Maa Inti Bangaaram (Te)	:	1.05 pm
Moda Kavida Vaathavarana (K)	:	2.55 pm, 7.25 pm
Con City (Ta)	:	4.15 pm
Angikaaram (Ta)	:	10 pm
Peddi (K)	:	10.10 pm

Career Orientation Programme at MIFSE & NextGen College

Mysuru, June 29- MIFSE & NextGen College of Professional Studies, Mysuru Campus, will formally commence its Academic Year 2026-27 with a Career Orientation Day on July 1, followed by a Spot Admission Programme.

Prof. P. Subrahmanya Yadapadithaya, former Vice-Chancellor of Mangalore University, will be the chief guest. He will speak on the growing importance of industry-oriented professional education, emerging career opportunities and the need to choose job-focused academic programmes.

Prof. Yadapadithaya will provide valuable insights into career prospects in Fire & Industrial Safety, Diploma, PG Diploma and Degree programmes, Logistics & Supply Chain Management and other high-demand professional sectors.

The programme will be presided over by Vinod K. John, Chairman, MIFSE & Minerva College, who will speak on the institution's vision of producing industry-ready professionals.

Headquartered in Mangaluru, MIFSE has been a pioneer in professional education for nearly two decades and currently operates six campuses across Karnataka. The institution is affiliated with prestigious Universities including Mangalore University, University of Mysore and Bangalore City University and is a recognised Training Partner of NSDC-Skill India.

The Mysuru Campus, established in 2008, has trained thousands of students who are now employed in leading national and international companies.

Following a brief slowdown during the COVID-19 pandemic, **the campus has been relaunched as NextGen College of Professional Studies at 7th Main, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru,** with modern infrastructure, experienced faculty and an expanded portfolio of career-oriented programmes.

In addition to its renowned Fire & Safety courses, the institution now offers programmes in Logistics & Supply Chain Management, Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning (AI & ML), Airport Management and several other employment-focused disciplines designed to meet current industry requirements.

Students who confirm their admission on July 1 will be eligible for special fee concessions and a range of exclusive academic benefits, including a free admission kit, one year of Spoken English training, Personality Development classes, Resume Building Workshop and Career Mentoring. For details, contact Mob: 90087-17027.

EVENTS TODAY (JUNE 29)

Kamakshi Hospitals: Founder's Day, distribution of scholarship to children of the hospital staff who have secured 80% and above marks in SSLC and II PUC Exams, felicitation to the staff members who have completed 25 years & 50 years of service, cultural programmes, Hospital premises, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm.**

Suttur Mutt, Mysuru: Moonlight Music-293, vocal concert by Vid. Siddhartha Belmannu, Vid. Mysore N. Karthik on violin, Vid. Giridhar Udupa on ghata, Vid. B.S. Arunkumar on drums and Vid. Varun Pradeep on keyboard, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**

Dixit Aarogya Dhaama: Aananda-Aarogya programme, devotional music recital by Raghavendra Ratnakar, accompanied by Mahalingu on keyboard, Vid. Jagadeesh on tabla; Talk on 'The Role of Nuclear Medicine Technology' by Dr. Murali R. Nadig, Nuclear Medicine Technologist, Writer and New Med Health Lab Founder, Dixit Aarogya Dhaama, #12, Main Road, C-Block, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 30)

Art of Living Foundation: Art of Living Happiness Programme, Bopy's Canopy, #1A (behind Ather Showroom), Vijayanagar, Hunsur Road, **6 am to 8 am.**

Champa Educational & Charitable Trust and Champa School of Law, Mysuru: 1st Law Festival-2026 and Ethnic Day Celebrations, Vijayadhwani Pratishtana Cultural Trust President Vidu. R.C. Rajalakshmi chief guest, Champa School of Law Principal Dr. G. Asmathunnisa presides, Lecturer Bharat co-ordinates, Champa School of Law premises, Rajarajeshwarinagar, **10.30 am.**

Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru, Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Mysuru and Samvahana Prakashana, Mysuru: Releasing of book 'Kannada Paricharaka - Pandita Pa. Nagarajaiah Samsmarana Samputa,' edited by senior journalist Na. Mahaveera Prasad, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Swastishri Madabhinava Charukeerthi Bhattaraka Swamiji of Digambara Jain Mutt will grace the occasion, Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal inaugurates, writer Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar presides, scholar Dr. K. Anantharamu will speak about the book, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Sri Digambara Jain Samaj President M.R. Sunil Kumar and Padmashree Mahila Samaja President Nandini Sanjay chief guests, Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar delivers keynote address, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **11 am.**

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		7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
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Cocktail 2 (H)	:	9.35 am, 3.50 pm, 6.50 pm
Moda Kavida Vaathavarana (K)	:	10 am, 7.45 pm
Supergirl (E-3D)	:	12.30 pm, 5.20 pm, 10.20 pm
Maa Inti Bangaaram (Te)	:	12.35 pm, 10.10 pm
Con City (Ta)	:	12.40 pm
Obsession (E)	:	2.55 pm
Angikaaram (Ta)	:	7 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Supergirl (E-3D)	:	9.40 am, 12.05 pm, 5.40 pm, 8.05 pm
Balaramana Dinagalu (K)	:	10.05 am,, 7.15 pm
Welcome To The Jungle (H)	:	11.15 am, 2.40 pm, 6.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Rakshaka 2 (K)	:	11.35 am
Angikaaram (Ta)	:	1.10 pm
Raithara Makkalige Hennu Kodi (K)	:	2.05 pm
Cocktail 2 (H)	:	2.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Uyir (Ma)	:	4.20 pm
Ambaragudda (K)	:	5 pm
Garuda (K)	:	7.30 pm
Ananthan Kaadu (Ma)	:	10.20 pm
Con City (Ta)	:	10.20 pm

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